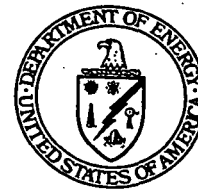




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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

**TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSES TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
AND OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT
INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PLAN, REVISION 1 (APRIL 1999) AND THE
FINAL INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PLAN, REVISION 1 (APRIL 1999)**

Reference: Letter, J. Reising to J. Saric and T. Schneider, "Transmittal of Responses to U.S. EPA and OEPA Comments on the Draft Integrated Environmental Monitoring Plan (Revision 1)," dated January 7, 1999 (DOE-0328-99)

This letter transmits the subject documents for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) review. The actions specified in the referenced Response to Comments (RTC) document and the enclosed RTC document have been incorporated in the final Integrated Environmental Monitoring Plan (IEMP), Revision 1. The agencies have either formally or informally reviewed each of the RTC documents and have given verbal approval to finalize the IEMP (Revision 1) based on the responses and associated actions presented therein. In addition to incorporating the RTCs, minor edits have been made to add clarity and ensure consistency throughout the document. These minor edits have not changed the technical approach or reduced the level of monitoring or reporting.

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Additional modification of the IEMP may be necessary during Calendar Year 1999 to address two issues that are currently being negotiated between Department of Energy (DOE) and OEPA. The issues are as follows:

- 1) Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP) has submitted an application to the OEPA for renewal of the site's National Pollutant Discharge and Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The application is currently being reviewed by the OEPA. Following approval of the application, the IEMP may require modification to align the surface water sampling program with the monitoring requirements stipulated in the new permit.
- 2) DOE is currently negotiating with the OEPA to revise the Directors Final Findings and Orders (DF&O), which provide for conducting an alternate Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) groundwater monitoring program at FEMP. Following approval of the revised DF&Os by Fluor Daniel Fernald, Inc. (FDF), DOE, and OEPA, the IEMP may require modification to reflect the groundwater monitoring requirements stipulated in the revised orders.

It is anticipated that only minor modifications to the IEMP will be required to address changes in the NPDES permit and the revised DF&Os. Therefore, DOE proposes to address these changes through issuance of change pages to the IEMP rather than through a revision of the document.

Please contact Kathleen Nickel at (513) 648-3166 if you have any questions regarding this submittal.

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